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09400HB2348sam001 LRB094 10121 DRH 46223 a AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2348 1 2 AMENDMENT NO. . Amend House Bill 2348 on page 1, line 3 5, after "13B-55", by inserting "and adding Section 12-816"; 4 and 5 on page 4, immediately below line 11, by inserting the 6 following: 7 "(625 ILCS 5/12-816 new) Sec. 12-816. Post-trip inspection policy for school buses. 8 (a) In order to provide for the welfare and safety of 9 children who are transported on school buses throughout the 10 State of Illinois, each school district shall have in place, by 11 January 1, 2006, a policy to ensure that the school bus driver 12 is the last person leaving the bus and that no passenger is 13 left behind or remains on the vehicle at the end of a route, a 14 15 work shift, or the work day. 16 (b) If a school district has a contract with a private sector school bus company for the transportation of the 17 district's students, the school district shall require in the 18 contract with the private sector company that the company have 19 a post-trip inspection policy in place. This policy and 20 21 procedure shall, at a minimum, require the school bus driver, 22 before leaving the bus at the end of each route, work shift, or work day, to walk to the rear of the bus and check in and under 23 each seat for sleeping children. 24

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- (c) Before this inspection, the school bus driver shall 1 activate the interior lights of the bus to assist the driver in 2 seeing in and under the seats during a visual sweep of the bus. 3
 - (d) This policy may include, at the discretion of the school district, the installation of a mechanical or electronic post-trip inspection reminder system which requires the school bus driver to walk to the rear of the bus to deactivate the system before the driver leaves the bus. The system shall require that when the driver turns off the vehicle's ignition system, the vehicle's interior lights must illuminate to assist the driver in seeing in and under the seats during a visual
- 13 on page 6, by replacing lines 10 and 11 with the following:
- "Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 14 becoming law, except that the changes to Sections 6-306.7 and 15 16 13B-55 of the Illinois Vehicle Code take effect on July 1, 2006.". 17